

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Court Willard #967 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas celebrates and continues forward 90 years of faith and service to the their community, parishes, and to their Lord with unity, charity, and love; and,

Whereas, On May 3, 1925, an organizational meeting was held in the auditorium of the Sacred Heart School to learn about the meaning and purpose of starting a Catholic Daughter Court in Yankton, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, With approximately 25 women who were in attendance that evening, it was decided to organize a court, elect 3 temporary officers, and initiation to be held on May 17, 1925; and,

Whereas, On Sunday, May 17, 1925, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas instituted a court in Yankton, South Dakota, with the National Organizer, State Grand Regent, and Degree Team from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, present, and 53 members were initiated into the court and officers were elected; and,

Whereas, Father Link suggested names for the court and "Court Willard", in honor of a former Priest at Sacred Heart, received the most votes and the number 967 was assigned; and,

Whereas, Court Willard #967 convened their first meeting and appointed Fr. Link as the First Chaplain of Court Willard in 1925, while today's court consists of 134 members from two parishes-St. Benedict Parish and Sacred Heart Parish in Yankton, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Court Willard #967 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas gives thanks for those who came before and established the court, shared their insight, leadership, hope, and God's love through the workings of Catholic Daughters:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 7, 2015, as

COURT WILLARD #967 - YANKTON OF THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State